GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:932
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PENDING PASSPORT APPLICATIONS
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the average time taken by Regional Passport Office, Delhi to issue Passport after the Police Verification;

(b) the number of passport applications complete in all formalities pending with R.P.O. Delhi as on date;

(c) the reasons therefor; and

(d) the time by which the pending applications are likely to be cleared ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

a) The average time being taken by Regional Passport Office, Delhi in issuing passport after the police verification is fifteen days.

b) 4050 as on 28.02.2002.

c) & d) The number of passport applications received at Regional Passport Office, Delhi rose from 189105 in the year 2000 to 208788 in the year 2001 which shows an increase of 10.4% over the applications received in the preceding year. During the year 2001, the Delhi Office issued 193189 passports as compared to 167394 in the year 2000. The Passport Office is dealing with this increasing volume of work by a greater degree of computerisation and by improving the work culture of the staff. Pendencies are gradually coming down but their elimination depends on the number of fresh passport applications received.